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Re: *Williams Alaska Petroleum, Inc., et al. v. State of Alaska, et al.*
Supreme Court Case No. S-17772

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Counsel:

Chief Justice Winfree is considering the appointment of Senior Justice Eastaugh to the panel for this appeal. Senior Justice Eastaugh is available and willing to hear this appeal, and he believes he has no personal bias for or against either of the parties or their counsel in the matter, and has no reason to believe he cannot be fair and impartial when deciding this appeal.

That being said, Senior Justice Eastaugh wishes to disclose that in years past he has had social interactions with multiple counsel on both sides. He believes those interactions were not so recent or so close as to prevent him from participating in this appeal. But if any party does have a concern about Senior Justice Eastaugh's participation, they are invited to file an appropriate objection stating the relevant facts of the case affecting his participation, and the law supporting recusal.

Any objection must be filed by Thursday, November 18, 2021 by 4:30 p.m., or will be considered waived. *See* Alaska Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3F.(3).

Sincerely,

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